

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 4, 2006, commencing at 7:02 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Hitchcock

Absent: Council Member – *Beckman

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

*NOTE: Council Member Beckman was absent due to his attendance at the San Joaquin Council of Governments "One Voice" event in Washington, D.C.

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 "Presentation regarding Delta College"

City Manager King reported that on March 8 the Delta College Board of Trustees announced its intention to seek a new campus on the Victor Road/Highway 12 site in Lodi.

Dr. Della Condon, Assistant Superintendent and Vice President of Instructional Services, stated that Delta College's mission in this project is to develop and build a legacy for the future, providing access to knowledge for future generations of the City of Lodi. Lodi demographics and industry needs coincide with programs that have been proposed for the campus: 1) viticulture and enology, 2) public safety, 3) hospitality, and 4) culinary arts. A career ladder program is envisioned that will provide jobs at many levels, as well as transfers to four-year colleges. Culinary arts and hospitality programs would be key to providing additional jobs for tourism and local businesses. General education classes will also be offered. The proposed site includes athletic fields, a community visitor and retail area, and a residential component. She mentioned that student exchanges with France and Italy are being considered as part of the viticulture program.

Police Chief Adams expressed support for the proposed campus to include a police and fire training facility, as the current academy in Stockton is at capacity. He believed it would attract students from Sacramento, Galt, and the foothills area. He noted that intensive academy formats offer five programs a year each running eight hours a day, five days a week, for three months.

Andrew Dunn, Vice President of Business Services, explained that the concept Delta College is trying to advance with the residential component is ancillary development to the college. It is hoped that the residential and commercial area represents enough value to the development community that a development partner with the college would be able to develop the area, acquire land, build infrastructure, and help develop the core campus. The residential portion of the plan is intended for senior and teacher housing.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Dunn reported that Delta College has entered into a two-year purchase option on the properties depicted in the plan. There are certain properties that were not put under contract.

Council Member Hansen hoped that the nursing program would be another potential for the Lodi campus, as there is a great need for the training. He noted that Lodi Memorial Hospital is an important part of the community and is currently considering an expansion to the facility.

Dr. Condon acknowledged that the nursing program in Stockton is near capacity. She stated that Delta College has the largest nursing program in California. She indicated that it might be a possibility to extend the program to Lodi as growth occurs.

Maria Serna, Trustee of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District, reported that eight sites were initially considered. The Board of Trustees narrowed it down to four sites and ultimately chose the Victor Road/Highway 12 site in Lodi. During the next six months, studies and due diligence will be taking place, and if successful, the College will proceed to purchase and occupancy could conceivably take place by 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jerry Ferdun stated that he owned property in the proposed site. He stated that there are residents along Kennison Lane whose lives and property would be dramatically impacted by this project. He warned that much of the project is in a flood plain and just 15 feet from the edge of the Mokelumne River. There is an interior manmade levee that seeps water into the remaining property. All the athletic fields on the proposed site plan will hold water and are on land only five feet from the water table. He was opposed to the proposed project, as he felt it was not a proper use of the AG-40 zoned property and believed that the environmental impacts would be adverse.

Council Member Hansen replied that the Environmental Impact Report would evaluate all the issues raised by Mr. Ferdun.

C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation regarding Delta College

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2006

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action recommended.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 8, 2006, the Delta College Board of Trustees announced its intentions to seek the development of a new campus on Highway 12/Victor Road in Lodi. This campus is part of the College's strategy to meet the future and growing post-secondary educational needs of the district. The amenities and facilities of the proposed campus will reflect an overall concept to address a curriculum designed to meet the needs of the school's northern district.

The Council will receive a presentation on the services, programs, and curriculum proposed for the new Lodi college.



Blair King, City Manager

APPROVED: 

Blair King, City Manager





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